Some suggestions|recommendations for amending the Official Secrets Act, 1923 have been under consideration for the past some time. As the matter is both complex and sensitive, the issues involved require careful and thorough analysis. It is, therefore, not possible to furnish details and the exact time frame or final decisions being taken in the matter. In the meantime, in order to achieve the objective of openness and transparency in Government functioning, instructions have been issued by the Union Home Ministry to all the Central Ministries|Departments for taking effective steps towards this objective which includes, inter-alia further details being furnished in replies to Parliament Questions, revamping of pub. relations cells in Ministries/Departments which deal with public enquiries|complaints, provision of more information in annual reports, institution of effective mechanism for replying to communications received from the public etc.

राजभाषा नीति का कार्यान्वयन

2875. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजभाषा नीति के कार्यान्वयन के निरीक्षण हेतु विभिन्न स्थानों पर कितने कार्यालय हैं;

(ख) सातवी पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में ऐसे कितने कार्यालय स्थापित किये गये;

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में कितने कार्यालय स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) इन कार्यालयों की स्थापना कब तक की जायेगी ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम. सईद) : (क) आठ (8) ।

(ख) (सात) 7 ।

(ग) आठवें प्लान के दौरान पहले से ही स्थापित किये जा चुके एक कार्यालय के अतिरिक्त, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि में प्रस्तावित प्लान में 5 क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय स्थापित करना शामिल है ।

(घ) इन कार्यालयों को स्थापित करने के लिये इस समय कोई निश्चित सीमा नहीं बताई जा सकती है ।

Tapping of telephones fo Chief Election Commissioner

2876. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission has alleged tapping of their Telephones;

(b) whether Government have received official communication on such instances; and

(c) whether Government have instituted enquiry into the matter, if so, what are the findings, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (e) No complaint has been received by the Ministry of Home Affairs from the Election Commission alleging tapping of their telephones. However a news item published in the Times of India dated 18th October, 1993, stated that the Chief Election Commissioner suspected the tapping of his telephones by the Intelligence Bureau. The position was checked and the allegations were found to be baseless.